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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the issuance of woman veteran motor  
2 vehicle registration plates, and establishing and allocating  
3 fees.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 35A.11, Code Supplement 2011, is amended  
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 9A. Woman veteran plates issued pursuant to  
4 section 321.34, subsection 20D.

5 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, Code Supplement 2011, is amended by  
6 adding the following new subsection:

7 NEW SUBSECTION. 20D. Woman veteran plates.

8 a. The department, in consultation with the adjutant  
9 general, shall design a woman veteran distinguishing processed  
10 emblem. Upon receipt of two hundred fifty orders for woman  
11 veteran special registration plates, accompanied by a start-up  
12 fee of twenty dollars per order, the department shall begin  
13 issuing special registration plates with the woman veteran  
14 distinguishing processed emblem as provided in paragraphs "b"  
15 and "c".

16 b. An owner referred to in subsection 12 who is a female  
17 veteran of military service may, upon written application to  
18 the department and presentation of satisfactory proof of an  
19 honorable discharge from the United States armed forces, order  
20 special registration plates with a woman veteran processed  
21 emblem. The special plate fees collected by the director under  
22 subsection 12, paragraphs "a" and "c", from the issuance and  
23 annual validation of letter-number designated and personalized  
24 woman veteran plates shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of  
25 state and deposited in the road use tax fund. The treasurer  
26 of state shall transfer monthly from the statutory allocations  
27 fund created under section 321.145, subsection 2, to the  
28 veterans license fee fund created in section 35A.11 the amount  
29 of the special fees collected under subsection 12, paragraph  
30 "a", in the previous month for woman veteran plates.

31 c. The surviving spouse of a person who was issued special  
32 plates under this subsection may continue to use or apply  
33 for and use the special plates subject to registration of  
34 the special plates in the surviving spouse's name and upon  
35 payment of the annual five-dollar special plate renewal fee and

1 the regular annual registration fee for the vehicle. If the  
2 surviving spouse remarries, the surviving spouse shall return  
3 the special plates to the department and the department shall  
4 issue regular registration plates to the surviving spouse.

5 Sec. 3. Section 321.145, subsection 2, paragraph b,  
6 subparagraph (3), Code Supplement 2011, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 (3) The amounts required to be transferred pursuant to  
9 section 321.34 from revenues available under this subsection  
10 shall be transferred and credited as provided in section  
11 321.34, subsections 7, 10, 10A, 11, 11A, 11B, 13, 16, 17, 18,  
12 19, 20, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20D, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 for the  
13 various purposes specified in those subsections.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill provides for the issuance of special motor vehicle  
16 registration plates for woman veterans. The department of  
17 transportation, in consultation with the adjutant general, is  
18 directed to design a distinguishing processed emblem for the  
19 new plate. The department shall begin issuing the special  
20 plates with the woman veteran processed emblem upon receipt of  
21 250 orders accompanied by a start-up fee of \$20 per order.

22 A motor vehicle owner who is an honorably discharged female  
23 veteran of the United States armed forces is required to  
24 provide satisfactory proof of the veteran's status to qualify  
25 for the special plates. The fee for issuance of the special  
26 plate is \$25, and the fee for renewal is \$5. Both fees are  
27 in addition to the regular annual registration fee for the  
28 vehicle. Additional fees of \$25 for issuance and \$5 for  
29 renewal apply for a personalized special plate. The fees are  
30 credited to the road use tax fund, then on a monthly basis an  
31 amount equal to \$25 for each special plate issued and \$5 for  
32 each renewal is transferred from the statutory allocations fund  
33 to the veterans license fee fund.

34 The bill provides that a surviving spouse of a woman veteran  
35 may continue to use the veteran's special plates or may apply

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1 for and use the special plates, subject to the applicable  
2 fees. The plates must be surrendered if the surviving spouse  
3 remarries.